

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003, and is submitted by the current due date of August 13, 2003. Applicant has amended Claim 1 in order to overcome the rejection as being indefinite. Approval is requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-12 for the reasons of record, rejecting Claim 1 as anticipated by Lata, and rejecting Claims 2-12 as being unpatentable over Lata in view of different combinations of Buisson; Berman; Brown; Frager; Gladwin; and Ross. It is submitted that the pending claims patentably distinguish over Lata and the remaining references identified above, for the reasons set forth below.

It is submitted that Lata does not disclose the following desirable features of the present invention, either taken singly or in combination with the above cited references:

- a means of configuring an entire keyboard; rather, Lata discloses a means of changing a legend associated with a specific key. Lata discloses using a limited capability processor that is built in, to keep track of the changed key legends.

- a means for dynamically reconfiguring the keyboard functionality wherein the processor residing within the intelligent keyboard performs multiple tasks not outlined by them, such as voice recognition, hand writing recognition, language translation, and the like. Lata does not disclose a touch sensitive display and input scheme.

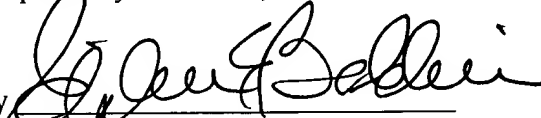
- a means of reconfiguring and showing different types of keyboards on a touch sensitive display screen. Lata does not disclose a central server means by which the functionality is dynamically altered or configured.

- a means of leveraging the tremendous processing power of the intelligent keyboard and its databases. Lata does not disclose a means of leveraging the tremendous processing power of a central server or a local or network server.

- a means of communicating between the intelligent keyboard and a central server, local server, and/or a network server via high speed wired or wireless communication paths to synergistically leverage the processing power of the intelligent keyboard and/or the servers to perform complex tasks not anticipated by them that are highly relevant in a digital world to perform novel tasks not disclosed by them.

Applicant is also submitting additional new Claims 13-42 for consideration, and which are believed to recite additional features of the present invention.

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